

RESPONSE

An Office Communication mailed January 31, 2002 states that the Applicants' reply to the Office Action dated September 6, 2001 was not fully responsive because the substitute specification was not accompanied by a marked up version of the substitute specification as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.125(b)(2) and because the submission did not specifically address the issue of new matter.

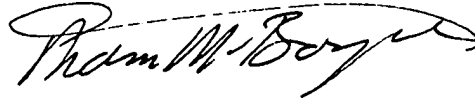
Applicants herein supply a marked up copy of the specification showing the changes relative to the previous version and corresponding to the clean copy of the substitute specification filed October 3, 2001.

Applicants state that the substitute specification contains no new matter. Specifically, the substitute specification filed October 3, 2001 does not contain figure legends for figures 14 and 15 nor Examples 19 and 20 to which the Office Action dated December 13, 2000 objected.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should Examiner McGarry have any questions regarding this submission, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited. Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard as evidence of receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas M. Boyce", written in a cursive style.

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